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Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: FCC Docket No. 08-4, Hawaiian Telcom Petition for Waiver of High-cost Universal Support Rules

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Molokai Chamber of Commerce would like to comment on the above entitled proceeding. The Molokai Chamber of Commerce's objective is to promote business and community growth of all businesses on the island of Molokai, Hawaii. We encourage programs of a civic, social and cultural nature which are designed to increase the functional and aesthetic values of the community. The Molokai Chamber of Commerce members represent businesses and organizations island wide, from big and small businesses, mom and pop stores, to home base businesses offering unique crafts designed by Molokai's artists.

The Molokai Chamber of Commerce supports Hawaiian Telcom's petition. Through the use of universal service funds, Hawaiian Telcom intends to expand its network and services to the island of Molokai. The technological enhancements, primarily telephone and high speed internet service, will provide Molokai residents and businesses the ability to communicate and compete with the urban areas of Hawaii. In addition, the support will indirectly help spur the economy on Molokai and throughout Hawaii.

Molokai's isolation from the rest of Hawaii and its diminutive population presents business development issues for the Chamber. The Chamber recognizes challenges that businesses face to bring their products and services to our island due to these factors. Universal service support would bolster the business climate and bring our rural community to the same level of telecommunications service that larger metropolitan cities enjoy. For these reasons, we urge the Commission to grant Hawaiian Telcom's petition.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Haliniak", is written over a horizontal line.

Barbara Haliniak  
President